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	Jeffrey E. Russel	1654	

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
 - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
 - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 December 2005.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-14 and 17 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-8 and 10-13 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 9,14, and 17 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 22 December 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 20051222.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. .
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) Other: .

1. With respect to the preliminary amendment to the claims filed December 22, 2005, the amendment format used for claims 3, 4, 12, 14, and 17 is incorrect. Applicants used both strikethrough and double brackets to mark the same deletion from the claims. As set forth in 37 CFR 1.121(c)(2), the use of double brackets is an alternative to the use of strikethrough.
2. This application contains sequence disclosures that are encompassed by the definitions for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences set forth in 37 CFR 1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2). However, this application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.821 through 1.825 for the following reasons:

The nucleotide sequence at pages 17-18 of the specification is subject to the sequence disclosure rules. However, no sequence listing has been submitted.

Applicant must provide an original computer readable form (CRF) copy of the Sequence Listing, an original paper copy of the Sequence Listing as well as an amendment directing its entry into the specification, and a statement that the content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same and include no new matter as required by 37 CFR 1.825(a) and (b).

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

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It is apparent that the cell line ES7-008 is required to practice the claimed invention.

Note that cell line ES7-008 is recited in claim 13, and is the only specifically disclosed cell line capable of producing the intended compounds. As a required element, cell line ES7-008 must be known and readily available to the public or obtainable by a repeatable method set forth in the specification. If it is not so obtainable or available, the enablement requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, may be satisfied by a deposit of cell line ES7-008. See 37 CFR 1.802.

The specification does not provide a repeatable method for obtaining cell line ES7-008, and cell line ES7-008 does not appear to be a readily available material. Deposit of cell line ES7-008 would satisfy the enablement requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

As set forth at page 12, first paragraph, of the specification, deposit has been made under the terms of the Budapest Treaty. An affidavit or declaration by Applicant or someone associated with the assignee who is in a position to make such assurances, or a statement by an attorney of record over his or her signature, stating that the deposit has been made under the terms of the Budapest Treat and that all restrictions imposed by the depositor on the availability to the public of the deposited material will be irrevocably removed upon the granting of a patent, would satisfy the deposit requirements. See 37 CFR 1.808.

4. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 1-8 and 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-8 read on a product of nature, i.e. a compound produced by a naturally-occurring actinomycete organism. Note the lack of any limitation such as "isolated" or "purified" in the claims. Claims 10-12 read on the normal activity of

microorganisms, including the cell line ES7-008, in nature. Note the lack of any limitation such as a substantially pure culture strain, or the lack of any process step requiring the isolation or purification of the compound as defined in claim 1. Products of nature and naturally occurring processes do not constitute patentable subject matter.

5. Claim 9, 14, and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The prior art of record does not teach or render obvious a compound having the structure recited in instant claim 1. The Japanese Patent Application 11-180997 teaches a compound which differs from Applicants' general formula I in that an oxazoline ring is present in place of the thiazoline ring required by Applicants' formula. However, the prior art does not teach or suggest the substitution of thiazoline rings for oxazoline rings as a general technique in the pharmaceutical arts, and does not establish that such a substitution would predictably maintain or improve the activity of the prior art compound to be modified. Synthetic processes of preparing Applicants' compounds, pharmaceutical compositions comprising Applicants' compounds, and methods of using Applicants' compounds are themselves novel and unobvious over the prior art of record.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey E. Russel at telephone number (571) 272-0969. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor Cecilia Tsang can be reached at (571) 272-0562. The fax number for formal communications to be entered into the record is (571) 273-8300; for informal communications such as proposed amendments, the fax number (571) 273-0969 can be used. The telephone number for the Technology Center 1600 receptionist is (571) 272-1600.



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